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1. One army of the 9 Army Group (AG), 3 Field Army (FA), was scheduled to leave Shanghai on 14 February as replacements for casualties in 3 FA units on the eastern front in Korea. The army was formerly stationed at Shanghai. Before its departure the army was subjected to a large morale-building campaign during which over 50 percent of the officers and men gave assurances to superiors that they would fight gallantly.
2. On 7 February staff officers, political workers and supply elements of the army totalling 1,200 men left Shanghai for the north. When the troops passed through Nanking, T'ANG Liang (唐亮), head of the political department of the 3 FA,* and other high-ranking officers of the 3 FA met the train to cheer the troops.**
3. No 3 FA units were withdrawn from Korea during December and January; however, heavy casualties have created a great need for replacements.
4. After only 40 days of training at Chengte, Mukden and Chinchou, 30,000 men from reserve units under the control of the Northeast Military Area were organized into four divisions and began moving in mid-January into Korea for assignment to units of the 4 FA.***
5. The entire Chinese Communist 96 Division was annihilated at Hungnam, and only the division commander escaped. He fled to Peiping where he was immediately arrested and executed for leaving the battlefield without orders.****

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* ~~_____~~ Comment. According to information available to this office, T'ANG is deputy head; SHU Chou is head.

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** ~~_____~~ Comment. It is considered significant that the Communists felt impelled to give troops headed for Korea a large-scale morale-building indoctrination.

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*** ~~_____~~ Comment. On 19 January informant saw a portion of these troops at the Mukden railroad station en route to Korea. They carried an assortment of light arms and no heavy equipment.

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**** ~~_____~~ Comment. According to information available to this office, the 96 Division is subordinate to the 32 Army, 8 Army Group, and has not been reported in Korea. United Nations forces were withdrawn from Hungnam on 24 December 1950.

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